

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 to 8, and 10 to 29 are now pending in the application. Claim 27 is amended to correct a typographical error. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

NONSTATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING (OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE)

Claims 1, 2, and 5 to 8 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 24 of Chang et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,033,458) in view of Ramesh (U.S. Pat. No. 6,274,228). Claim 3 stands rejected over the claims of Chang and the Ramesh reference in further view of Wang et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,124,007). Claims 4, 16 to 19, and 26 to 28 stand rejected over the claims of Chang and the Ramesh reference in further view of Bonk et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,082,025). Claims 10 to 15 stand rejected over the claims of Chang and the Ramesh, Bonk, and Wang references. Chang et al. issued from Application No. 10/137,531, a continuation-in-part of the present application.

Although Applicant denies that the claims are obvious in light of the Chang reference when combined with the Ramesh, Wang, and/or Bonk references, Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer with respect to Chang et al. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the terminal disclaimers and withdrawal of the rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 20 to 25 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims have already

been amended and comply with the Examiners' present recommendation. See Amendment filed April 18, 2005. Present Claim 20 includes the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claims 4 and 10. Accordingly, Claim 20 and dependant Claims 21 to 25 and 29 should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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